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TAGS: MARR, GR, US
SUBJ: INCIDENT AT ELEFSIS INVOLVING HOMEPORTED SAILORS

1. AT 0115 SEP. 7, TWO MEN FROM USS BARRY, ONE OF HOMEPORTED DESTROYERS NOW IN PORT AT ELEFSIS, ALLEGEDLY ASSAULTED TAXICAB DRIVER IN ELEFSIS AREA. ASSAILANTS APPREHENDED IMMEDIATELY BY ELEFSIS POLICE, WHO NOTIFIED USN SHORE PATROL AT ELEFSIS PIER. TAXICAB DRIVER REPORTEDLY SUSTAINED KNIFE WOULDS IN BACK AND HAND, BUT IS NOT RPT NOT IN SERIOUS CONDITION. HE IS SAID TO BE GREEK SAILOR WHO WAS MOONLIGHTING IN UNCLE'S TAXICAB.

2. ASSAILANTS, 18 AND 19 YEARS OLD, WERE UA FROM 0730 SEPTEMBER 6. THEY ARE IN CUSTODY OF ELEFSIS POLICE, WHO HAVE DENIED ACCESS TO THEM BOTH BY SHORE PATROL AND USNFSO SJA. ARRAIGNMENT TO TAKE PLACE TODAY, AND PRESENCE OF LOCAL NATIONAL ATTORNEY ARRANGED BY USNFSO SJA.
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3. THIS UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT FOLLOWED, BUT UNRELATED TO,

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DEMONSTRATION BY 70 - 80 YOUTHFUL ELEFSIS RESIDENTS AT
PIERHEAD ABOUT SUNDOWN SEPTEMBER 6. THIS DEMONSTRATION
FEATURED CHANTING OF ANTI-US SLOGANS AND WAS DISPERSED QUITE
SOON. AS RESULT OF ASSULT ON TAXICAB DRIVER, CO USNFSO
AFTER CONSULTATION WITH ELEFSIS POLICE, INSTUTED DUSK-TO-
DAWN CURFEW IN ELEFSIS AREA.

4. HOMEPORTED DESTROYER SQUADRON WAS OUT OF SIGN AND
THUS OUT OF MIND FOR VIRTUALLY ALL GREEKS EXCEPT ELEFSIS
RESIDENTS. DESPITE SEPTEMBER 6 DEMONSTRATION, WE BELIEVE
THE HOMEPORTED SQUADRON WOULD HAVE CONTINUED TO BENEFIT FROM
BENIGN NEGLECT OF GREEK PRESS AND PUBLIC. ASSAULT ON TAXICAB
DRIVER WILL CERTAINLY DRAW ATTENTION OF PRESS AND AGITATE
PUBLIC OPINION IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO JEOPARDIZE FUTURE OF
THIS SQUADRON IN GREECE.
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